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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: CRAWFORD, CHARLES K.

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For: **MINIMAL THICKNESS, DOUBLE-SIDED FLANGES FOR ULTRA-HIGH VACUUM**

FIRST RESPONSE AND AMENDMENTS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The non-final Office Action mailed October 7, 2002 (Paper No. 3) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account No. 08-1391.

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